



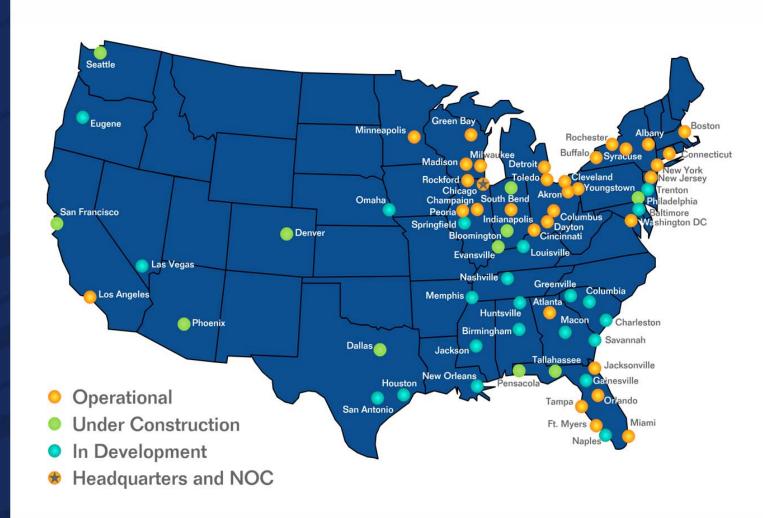


Make every minute count with Neutral Tandem.

## **Neutral Tandem's Coverage**

## Coverage:

- 62 LATAs across the country
- Over 150M phone numbers available to route to





## Where Does the Issue Stand Today?

- FCC opened Docket 06-159 requesting comments
- Homeland Security benefits tied to Neutral Tandem Petition's were broadly recognized and supported by 20+ parties
  - Cities (New York & Chicago)
  - State regulators (New York and Illinois)
  - Numerous other parties, including AT&T, Comptel, CBeyond, RCN, McLeod, Integra...
- Verizon Wireless is as isolated in its position as its switches
- A crowded FCC agenda threatens to jeopardize a decision on this important issue impacting public safety
- Verizon Wireless refused to put an interim agreement in place based on prior MSA
- Supporters continue to seek resolution of Petition





Homeland Security Hinges on <u>Your</u> <u>Support</u>

- Dependency on the legacy LEC tandems creates a <u>critical choke</u> <u>point</u> in our nation's telecom infrastructure
- Hardening the country's telecom network is <u>essential to PSTN</u> <u>Network Reliability</u>
- A solution is available to the public at <u>no cost to taxpayers</u>
- Great opportunity for Chairman Martin to make it clear that Homeland Security will be <u>decided based upon the public's</u> <u>interest</u> – not a lone obstructionist
- It is critical to Homeland Security to prioritize this issue